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<u>Dominican Republic:</u> The rebel zone in Santo Domingo is still intact, but preparations are being made for a turnover of some rebel weapons to the provisional government.

As of 17 September, only half of the known rebel defensive positions had been dismantled. President Garcia Godoy has indicated to US officials that he considers disarming the rebels and opening their enclave the primary problem now facing his government. He feels that critics of his efforts to solve the problem do not appreciate the difficulty of the situation.

After considerable delay the turnover of rebel arms is now scheduled to begin early this week. To oversee the process Garcia Godoy plans to appoint a verification committee that will include his minister of the interior, a representative of the OAS, and possibly a member of the UN observer team.

Rebel leader Caamano told Garcia Godoy on

18 September that all important arms had been collected at five points in the rebel zone.

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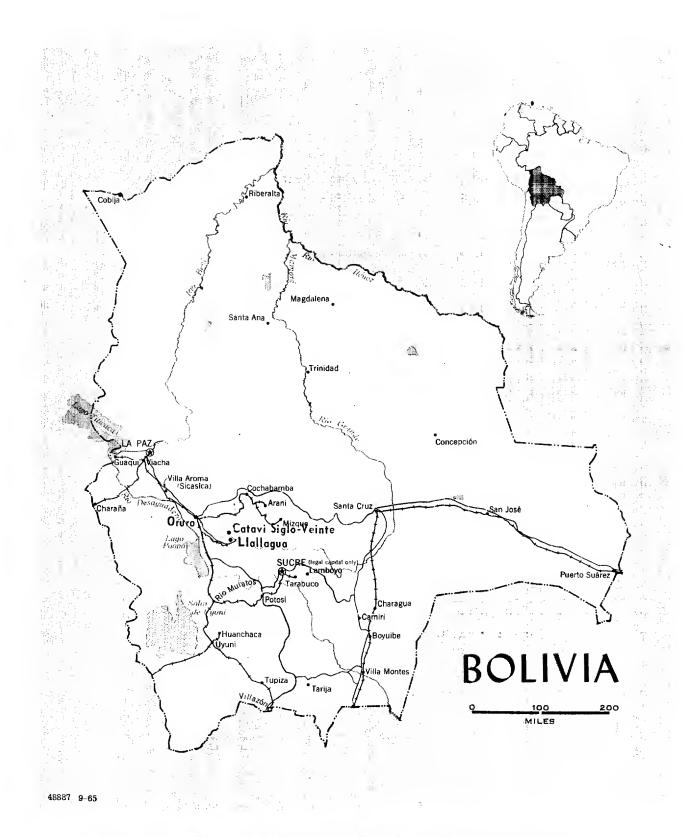
Caamano's efforts to collect "enough" weapons (between1,000 and 1,200) have been resisted by Communist and other leftist rebel elements.

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*Bolivia: Violence in the tin mines may usher in a period of acute political instability.

On 20 September police and army units engaged miners in two separate battles at Llallagua and Catavi Siglo-Veinte. The crisis began when miners attacked a police post at Llallagua early yesterday afternoon. Army reinforcements brought the situation under control in mid-afternoon, but fighting resumed later in the evening.

Tension has been high in the mining region since last Saturday when at least two miners were killed by police in a fracas over the detention of a number of leftist mine union leaders. At least 21 persons have been killed in the latest outburst.

Constitutional guarantees have been suspended throughout the country, leftist agitators reportedly are being rounded up, and army reinforcements are being sent to the mines. The rest of the country is quiet, but it is possible that students in La Paz, Oruro, and elsewhere will stage demonstrations in solidarity with the miners.

It is likely that opportunistic politicians will try to expand the unrest in the mines into a political crisis. Their prime objective would be the ouster of General Barrientos from the junta in favor of Co-President Ovando.

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NOTE

Iraq: President Arif is trying to form a new government following the abortive coup attempt by pro-Nasirist Premier Abd al-Razzak last week. Arif is likely to fill most posts with technicians and other noncontroversial figures. If he cannot set his house in order fairly quickly, a new coup effort by any one of several groups is possible. A move by anti-Nasirist former premier Tahir Yahya, who probably has some military support, might have a chance to succeed.

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